

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
DIVISION OF EDUCATION
2026 JAMESON L. CHASSIN, MD, FACS
AWARD FOR PROFESSIONALISM IN GENERAL SURGERY**

To recognize Jameson L. Chassin, MD, FACS, and his career and professional interests, the thirteenth annual award for chief residents is being offered by the Chassin family, contributors to the Chassin Memorial Fund, and the American College of Surgeons Foundation. In accordance with the wishes of the Chassin family, the Jameson L. Chassin, MD, FACS, Award for Professionalism in General Surgery will be presented to a chief resident in general surgery who exemplifies the values of compassion, technical skill, and devotion to science and learning.

These are the areas upon which the candidates will be evaluated:

- Awards
- Administrative Activities
- Scholarships
- Community Involvement

Documentation supporting the above criteria might include letters from patients, peers, and other members of the surgical team including faculty, medical students, nurses, and other allied health professionals. Other evidence might include service on relevant committees, special initiatives in which the resident may have been involved or led, and pertinent scholarships.

Deadline for nomination packet submission – **June 8, 2026**

NOMINATION PACKET CHECKLIST

**All items are required.*

- Application Form (pg. 4)
- Biographical Sketch
- Letter of nomination from the Chair or Program Director (no longer than two pages)
- Letter of support from individual/group speaking to your professionalism
- Short essay describing an experience in your training that exemplifies your commitment to professionalism (250 words or less)

With questions, contact Daniel Cox at residentawards@facs.org or 312-202-5053.

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Eligible nominees are chief residents in general surgery who are in good standing at an accredited surgery residency program during the upcoming academic year. Evidence of outstanding professionalism should be provided, especially evidence of the nominee's values of compassion, technical skill, and devotion to science and learning. These are the areas upon which the candidates will be evaluated:

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Each surgery residency program may nominate one resident. Nominations will be accepted from program directors and department chairs and will be reviewed by an independent review panel of the ACS Committee on Resident Education. The recipient of this national award will be notified by July 6, 2026.

A complete nomination packet consists of:

- A completed application form (*pg.4*)
- A completed Biographical Sketch form
- A letter of nomination, no longer than two pages, from the Chair or Program Director
- A letter of support from individual/group speaking to your professionalism
- A short essay describing an experience in your training that exemplifies your commitment to professionalism (250 words or less)

To guide program directors in identifying candidates for this award, below are examples of some noteworthy accomplishments excerpted from the nomination packets of past Chassin Award recipients:

- Published a book on ethics
- Served on institution-wide committees
- Mentored medical students leading several to pursue surgical residency
- Demonstrated a strong work ethic; going above and beyond the call of duty
- Received unsolicited praise from students, peers, staff, faculty, and patients and their families
- Received awards such as Resident of the Year
- Developed an online ethics curriculum for residents
- Demonstrated leadership and teamwork
- Participated in health outcomes research resulting in presentations and publications about the use of large databases for research and quality improvement
- Completed an advanced degree related to health care

Please consider nominating a chief resident in your general surgery program and submit the nomination materials electronically to ResidentAwards@facs.org by June 8, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cox at ResidentAwards@facs.org or by calling 312-202-5053. Thank you for your interest in this important award.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Williams-Karnesky MD, PhD, MEdPsych
Chair, Jameson L. Chassin, MD, FACS, Award for Professionalism in General Surgery Review Panel
Chair, ACS Committee on Resident Education

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Vice Chair, Committee on Resident Education
Resident Awards Review Panel

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Application Form

Name of Nominee _____

Residency Program _____

PGY _____ (must be a Chief Resident in General Surgery during the 2026-2027 academic year)

Address of Nominee _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Nominator _____
(must be the Chair or Program Director)

Title _____

Program Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please enclose with this form:

1. Letter of nomination from the Chair or Program Director (no longer than two pages)
2. Biographical Sketch
3. Short essay on professionalism (250 words or less)
4. Additional letter of support speaking to your professionalism

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